

## DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE 1010 DEFENSE PENTAGON WASHINGTION, DC 20301-1010

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The Honorable Duncan Hunter Chairman Committee on Armed Services United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter and its enclosure are submitted in the fulfillment of the requirement to notify Congress when using other than full and open competition (as authorized by 10 U.S.C. § 2343) in accordance with Section 2202(b) of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense and for the Reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan, 2004 (Public Law 108-106).

An Agreement under section 2341 of Title 10 of the United States Code was entered into between the Jordanian Armed Forces and the Coalition Military Assistance Training Team. Under this Agreement, Jordan is providing specialized training and logistics for Iraqi Armed Forces (IAF) officers and noncommissioned officers. The required information is included in the enclosure.

Similar notifications are being provided to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations, the Senate and House Committees on Armed Services, the Committees on Government Reform and International Relations of the House of Representatives, and the Committees on Governmental Affairs and Foreign Relations of the Senate.

Sincerely,

The Dollar House

Enclosure: As stated

cc:

The Honorable Ike Skelton Ranking Member



## **ENCLOSURE 1 - CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION**

1. Justification for use of other than full and open competitive procedures: The acquisition of officer and noncommissioned officer (NCO) training, equipment and logistic support for the new Iraqi Army from Jordanian Armed Forces is made pursuant to 10 USC § 2341(2). Such acquisitions are excepted from the requirement for full and open competition (See 10 USC 2343), but notice is still necessary pursuant to Section 2202(b) of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense and for the Reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan, 2004 (P.L. No. 108-106).

## 2. Scope of work:

The acquisition is between the Jordanian Armed Forces (JAF) and the Coalition Military Assistance Training Team (CMATT), to provide for training of Iraqi Armed Forces (IAF) officers and NCOs, each to be assigned to and lead the Armed Forces units to ensure a free and secure Iraq. The provider will deliver training courses, logistic support, and equipment to officer and NCO candidates. The training program will provide leadership for 12 battalions and 3 brigades by April 2004. Subsequent training courses will provide additional officer and NCO cadres to man and lead the remaining battalions in brigade to achieve 27 battalions by September 2004 as well as a Coastal Defense Force and Air Corps. At the completion of their training, graduates will be able to organize, lead and operate with their units as a capable force to provide for the security of Iraq. Jordan, solely at its own risk, has begun performance to facilitate the training schedule of the IAF.

- 3. Amount of agreement: Training of Iraqi Armed Forces officers and NCOs is estimated to be \$71,921,459.
- 4. <u>Identification and solicitation of offers:</u> No other country or offeror can provide the fundamentals of training concept within the time constraints that the Jordanian Armed Forces will provide. Jordan offered the most comprehensive training facilities and benign security environment available in the region.